MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) A study group constituted for examining the existing geographical distribution of zones and divisions in the wake of Project Unigauge and the construction of Konkan Railway, has suggested a need for its rationalisation. This exercise may also entail the creation of some new zones and divisions.

Further processing for formulation of proposals and other related matters is being undertaken.

Target fixed for freight traffic by Railways

451. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government in the current financial year for freight traffic to be handled by the Railways;

(b) the target achieved by the Railways in respect of freight traffic and the income earned by Government as a result thereof;

(c) the main causes for not achieving the target fixed in respect of freight traffic; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remove those causes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) and (b) The position is as under:—

	Target 1995-96	Target April-Oct. 1995	Actual April-Oct. 1995
		(in million tonnes)	
Revenue earning freight traffic	398.00	214.25	212.72
Freight earning	15125.00	8556.96	8589.64

(c) and (d) Tight position of wagon availability mixed with heavy detention to wagons by major users etc. resulted in marginal shortfall. Steps have been taken to enhance the level of wagon procurement.

Revision of pay-scales of UDC

452. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 497 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1995 and state:

(a) the details of meetings held by the Board of Arbitration to expedite the case of revision of pay-scale of UDCs of the Central Government Clerical Service after May, 1995 till date;

(b) the issues discussed in the meetings and final conclusion arrived at;

(c) what are the reasons for not taking the final decision by the Board of Arbitration; and

(d) by when it is likely to be disposed of finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After May, 1995, only one sitting in the matter has been held by the Board of Arbitration on 14.6.9S. On that date, the Staff Side representative sought permission from the Board of Arbitration to produce some additional documents, and the Board allowed them to do so within six weeks.

(c) and (d) The Board will fix the new date for further hearing. Further action in the matter will be taken by the Government on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Capacity of BHEL's Insulator Manufacturing Factory

453. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of the insulators manufacturing factory of BHEL at Jagdishpur in U.P. and the actual production of insulators during the last three years as compared to its installed capacity;

(b) the reasons for the less production as compared to the installed capacity;

(c) whether that factory is also running into losses for a long time; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to increase the capacity and efficiency in running the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The installed capacity and the production of BHEL's Insulator Plant at Jagdishpur during the last three years are as under:—

In Ceramic MT

Capacity	92-93	93-94	94-95
Installed	6000	6000	6000
Production	3617	4208	4349

(b) The plant manufactures insulators for which installed capacity in the country is far in excess of demand. As a result the market is limited and the prices are unremunerative due to severe competition.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) New products like fog and anti fog variety of insulators, Abrasion resistant ceramic lining, Impact resistant tiles, flyash tiles and cordierite kiln furniture etc. have been taken up for manufacture.

Undue Payments from Red Cross Funds

454. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Health Services has paid over rupees forty lakhs to the Ministry of Defence in settlement of liabilities of the Ministry of Health and further amount of about Rs. fifty lakhs to other agencies and for the purpose of the Ministry of Health from the meagre Red Cross Funds;

(b) if so, with what consequences to the health of IRCS; and

(c) whether these undue payments from Red Cross Funds were processed in the Ministry of Health and the DGHS implemented the same in his capacity as the Secretary General without going through the normal procedure in Red Cross office and without necessary prior approval of competent committee of the Red Cross?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R.